

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action dated July 1, 2003 has been reviewed and carefully considered. Claims 13-16 have been canceled, claims 17-18 are added, claims 4-6 have been withdrawn, and claims 4-5 are amended. Claims 1-3, 7-12, and 17-18 are pending in the application with claim 1 being the only independent claim.

In response to the restriction requirement in the Office Action dated July 1, 2003, the invention of Group I, claims 1-12, is elected for further prosecution. Furthermore, it is respectfully submitted that new claims 17 and 18 are also included in this elected group of claims.

In response to the election requirement, Species C, as shown in Fig. 3, is elected, on which claims 1-3, 7-12, and 17-18, as amended, read.

It is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is generic. Upon allowance of a generic claim, applicant is entitled to consideration of all withdrawn claims that are dependent on the allowable generic claim or otherwise include the limitations of the generic claim.

Claims 13-16 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants reserves the right to pursue the non-elected claims in a divisional application prior to issuance of a patent on the instant application.

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application; however, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

Respectfully submitted,

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